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of the

One Hundred Forty-Fifth

Annual Session

of the

Original Little River Primitive Baptist Association

Held With

ANGIER CHURCH

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Angier, North Carolina

September 20, 21, 22,

1974

NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH SMITHFIELD CHURCH, SMITHFIELD, N.C., JOHNSTON COUNTY, FRIDAY BEFORE THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1975.

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Minutes

OF THE ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH ANGIER CHURCH, ANGIER, N.C., SEPTEMBER 20, 21, 22, 1974.

Next session convenes with Smithfield Church, Smithfield, N.C., Friday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1975.

FRIDAY MORNING

1. Meeting was opened with Praise and Prayer by Elder Ronald Lawrence and the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Worth Stephenson, Text: Romans 28:8.

2. After a short recess the Brethren came together and after Praise and Prayer by Elder D. B. Willard the Association was organized by choosing Elder Worth Stephenson, Moderator, C. Dixon Hamilton was chosen Clerk who called to his assistance Brother L. B. Williams.

3. Brethren S. F. Lawrence, Neal Johnson, Z. M. Stephenson, and Jack Hall were appointed a committee on finance.

4. Calls for letters composing the Association were handed in, read and contents noted in statistical table. (See table).

5. On motion all messengers were seated and the Association declared organized and ready for business as might come before it.

6. Calls for petitionary letters. None presented.

7. Then calls were made for Corresponding Messengers and visitors from Sister Associations:

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK: Elders Rom Kerley, D. B. Willard, W. M. Benton, Brethren Jim Brisco, T. B. Polk, Larry Austin, Sister Nancy Austin, Bro. and Sis. Oren Clonts, Sister Addison Mills, Sister Loyce Whitaker, Bro. and Sis. Conley Rushing, Bro. and Sis. Oren Baucom, Bro. Carl Haigler and Sister Elizabeth Haigler.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: Not represented.

MOUNT ZION OF ALABAMA: Elder I. G. Heaven

VISITORS from Associations and Churches with whom we are not in direct correspondence: Center Association, N.C.: Elder G. D. Roten, Bro. Wayne Severt, Sister Carrie Severt. First Primitive Association, Okla.: Oba M. Cummings. Pleasant Grove Church, Va.: Elder Roy White. Little Flock Church, Va.: Bro. and Sis. D. B. McMillan, Sister Pearl Pike. Community Church, Va.: Elder Donnie A. Conner, Brother Posie C. Conner, Bro. and Sis. Willie Hylton. Afton Road Church, Va.: Ryan D. Perkins. Tidewater Church, Va.: Elder Frank McCarty, Sister Beulah Quesenberry. Pine Grove Church, Va.: Elders Joseph H. McGrady and Jess B. Higgins. Good Home Church, Va.: Elder R. W. Turner, Bro. and Sis. Leroy Conner. New Hope Salem Church, Va.: Lic. Raymond Wyatt, Bro. and Sis. Clyde Shelton, Brethren B. F. Ward and Leslie Wyatt, Sisters Alice and Catherine Wyatt. Pine Church, N.C.: Elder John M. Draper, Sister John S. Wheeler, Md.

8. Called on Messengers to report who agreed to attend corresponding Associations.

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK: Elders J. S. Stephenson, Worth Stephenson, Ralph Clifton, Brethren Joe Collins, John Boykin, J. T. Boykin and wife, Dixon Hamilton and wife.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: Not represented.

MOUNT ZION OF ALABAMA: Elder Ronald Lawrence, Brother Gerald Lawrence.

9. Appointment of Messengers to Corresponding Associations were as follows:

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK: Elders Worth Stephenson and Ronald Lawrence, Brethren J. T. Boykin, Gerald Lawrence, Council Williams and S. F. Lawrence.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: Elders Ronald Lawrence, Worth Stephenson, Brethren S. F. Lawrence and Gerald Lawrence.

MOUNT ZION OF ALABAMA: Elder Worth Stephenson and Brother S. F. Lawrence.

10. Agreed that a committee on finance take charge of the minutes from sister Associations and prepare for proper distribution to this association.

11. Brethren Joe Collins, J. T. Boykin, J. L. Pollard and Elder Ronald Lawrence were appointed a committee on preaching arrangements for the remainder of this session.

12. Agreed that our next session be held with Smithfield Church, Smithfield, N.C., Johnston County, to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in Sept., 1975 and continue three days.

Elder J. S. Stephenson was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Elder Ralph Clifton as his alternate. Worship to begin at 11:00 a.m.

13. Agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY MORNING

14. The Association met according to adjournment and was opened with praise and prayer by Elder R. W. Turner. Whereas the association resumed business.

15. Again called for petitionary letters. None.

16. Again called for messengers from corresponding associations.

17. Then called for report from finance which was as follows:

RECEIPTS:

Received from churches	$732.00
Received from friends	225.00
TOTAL	$957.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Clerk Service	$25.00
Printing and mailing minutes	94.00
Lunch room and Auditorium	75.00
Distributed to Ministers	763.00
BALANCE ON HAND	$ None

18. Agreed that the balance of funds left in the hands of the finance committee after deducting the usual expenses be distributed among the ministers.

19. Ordered the Clerk to transcribe and superintend the printing of the minutes of this session and to have 350 copies printed and to distribute them among the several churches proportionate with the membership entering a

copy of the same upon the permanent record of this Association.

20. The Clerk is ordered to give sufficient notice of the time and place of the next associational session with all necessary information pertaining thereto.

21. Agreed to extend thanks to Angier Church, local and county school officials, Brethren, Sisters and Friends and surrounding community for their kindness shown in supporting the Association during this session.

22. On motion the corresponding letter written by Brother Joe Collins was called for, read and approved. Brother Neal Johnson was appointed to write the corresponding letter for the next session.

23. Was agreed that we incorporate in future minutes a memorial section, listing the members that have deceased since our last association meeting.

24. The Association requested a committee composed of a member from each church of the Association to examine our "Form of Government" and report to the next session, what amendments should be made, if any.

25. Was agreed that we recognize the fine work rendered by Brother L. B. Williams during his tenure as the Association's Clerk.

26. Agreed to adjourn until Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Elder Worth Stephenson, Moderator
Brother C. Dixon Hamilton, Clerk

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Angier Primitive Baptist Church extends greetings and Christian fellowship to her sister churches, corresponding brethren and friends, on this the one hundred forty-fifth meeting of the Little River Association, held at Angier Primitive Baptist Church, Angier, North Carolina.

It is our sincere desire that the presence of our dear Saviour may be felt by each one attending and that a new high in love and fellowship may be attained. We especially welcome the ministers and pray the Lord will bless them with all spiritual blessings, that we may be abundantly fed and rejoice in the Saviour's love.

Welcome one and all.

Written in Love,
Joe Collins

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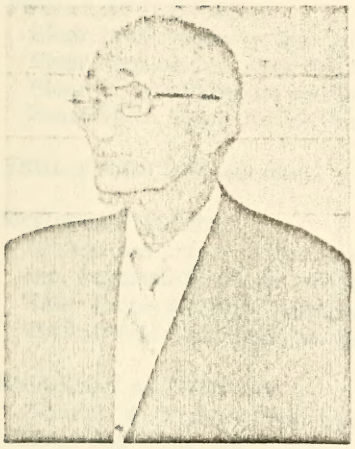

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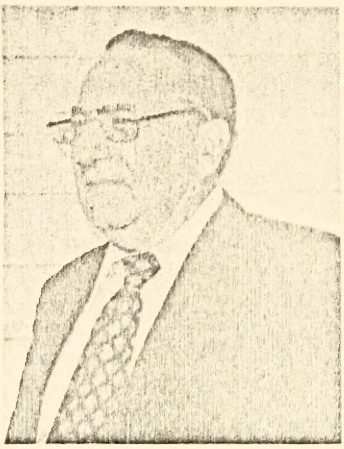

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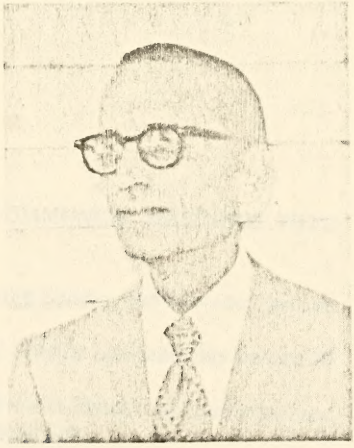

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ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:
Praises and prayer by Elder Ronald Lawrence
Introductory Sermon: Elder Worth Stephenson, Text: Rom. 28:8

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder Frank McCarty, Isa. 2:1
Elder Rom Kerley, Acts 20:32
Elder D. B. Willard, no special text.
Benediction: Elder Oba M. Cummings

FRIDAY NIGHT: No services.

SATURDAY MORNING:
Praises and prayer: Elder Ray White
Lic. Raymond Wyatt, Isa. 49:13
Elder Frank McCarty, Galatians
Elder Oba M Cummings, no special text.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder R. W. Turner, Rom. 1:12
Elder Ray White, 2nd Timothy 2:20
Elder Joseph H. McGrady, Isa. 53:11
Elder Donnie A. Conner, Rom. 8:1

SATURDAY NIGHT:
Elder John M. Draper, Luke 37:31
Elder Jess B. Higgins, Psalms 36:9

SUNDAY MORNING:
Praises and prayer: Elder J. S. Stephenson
Elder W. M. Benton, Matt. 6:1
Elder G. D. Roten, Isa. 40:3
Elder I. G. Heaven, Cor. 3:10
Elder D. B. Willard, No text.
Benediction: Elder Jess B. Higgins

TIME AND PLACE OF HOLDING COMMUNION MEETINGS WITH PASTORS NAMES

SALEM: Pastor, Elder Worth Stephenson, third Sunday and Saturday before in August, 10:30 a.m.

GIFT: Pastor, Elder Ronald Lawrence, Third Sunday and Saturday before in July. Saturday 2:00 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m.

REHOBETH: Pastor, Elder J.S.Stephenson, Fourth Sunday and Saturday before in May. Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m.

ANGIER: Pastor, Elder Worth Stephenson, second Sunday and Saturday before in July. Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m.

SMITHFIELD: Pastor, Elder J.S. Stephenson, first Sunday and Saturday before in July 10:30 a.m.

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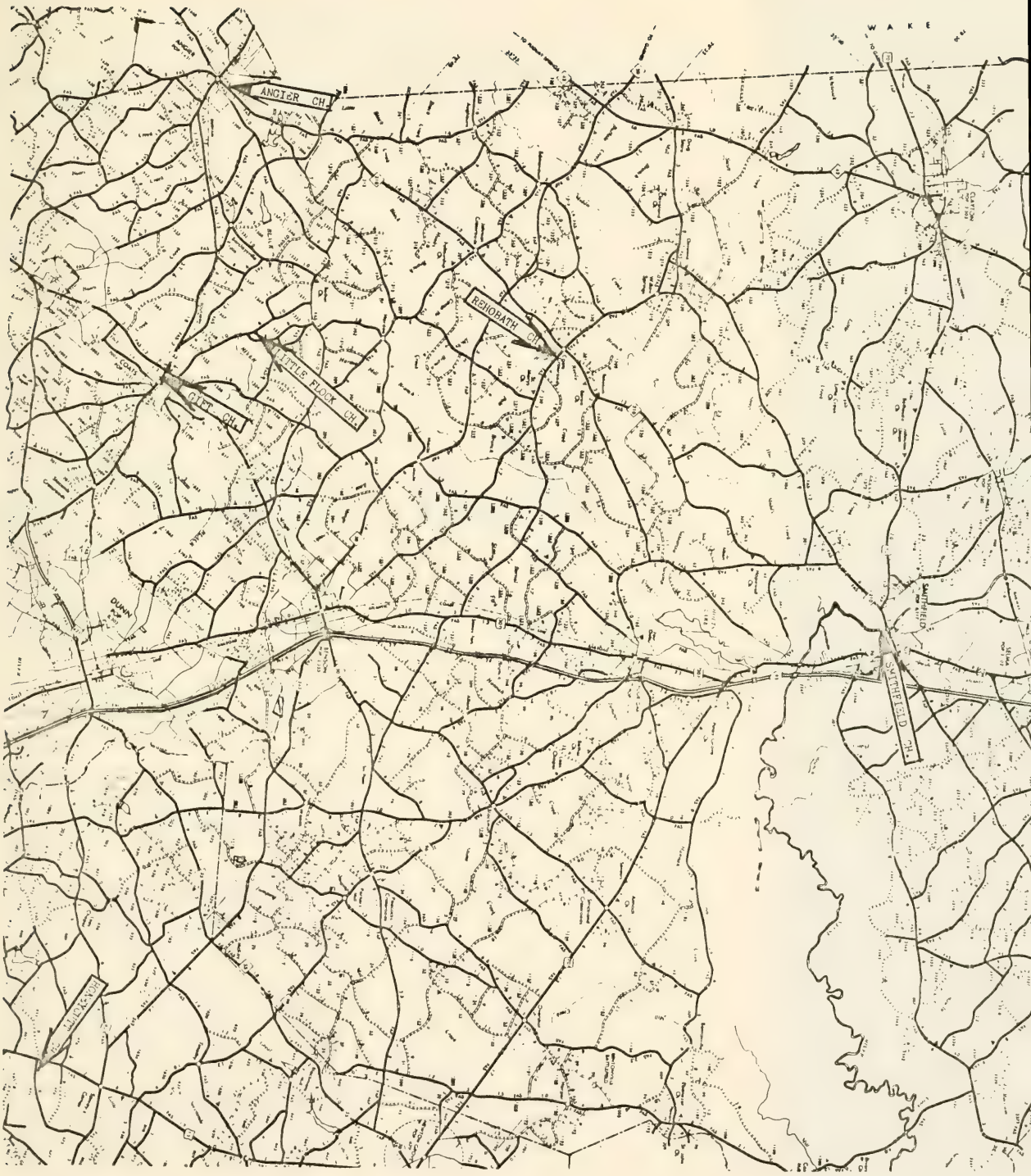
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TIME AND PLACE OF HOLDING COMMUNION MEETINGS

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LITTLE FLOCK: Pastor, Elder Worth Stephenson, third Sunday and Saturday before in June, Saturday 2:00 P.M., Sunday 10:30 A.M.

HONEYCUTTS REQUEST: Pastor, Elder Worth Stephenson, second Sunday in August 2:30 P.M.

IN MEMORY

Our hearts are deeply saddened by the passing of our dear loved ones and kindred in Christ, since our last Association. But the precious memories of the life they lived, examples they set, and the dedication to the church they have shown, makes their absence a little easier to accept.

GIFT CHURCH:

Sister Millie Moore
United with church - Dec. 1938
Deceased - 1973

Sister Kitty Godwin
United with church - Feb. 1945
Deceased - Oct. 1973

REHOBETH CHURCH:

Sister Lula Austin - Age 83
United with church about - 1924
Deceased - 1974

Sister Margarette Barbour - Age 63
United with church about - 1945
Deceased - 1974

SMITHFIELD CHURCH:

Sister Lizzie Cox Harris - Age 82
United with church - 1962
Deceased - 1973

Sister Mollie Southerland Hardee - Age 80
United with church - Oct. 1972
Deceased - Sept. 1974

IN APPRECIATION

The Little River Primitive Baptist Association wishes to express its most sincere appreciation and gratitude to Brother Lester B. Williams for his services as associational clerk for the past decade.

In every case when one has devoted his services, as efficiently as Brother Williams has his, it is very difficult to express appreciation for the dedicated services that have been rendered.

Those who have been closely associated with Brother Williams know there have been times in the past when sickness or other hardships would have hindered many people. But Brother Williams, in his dedicated manner, would make the sacrifice needed to faithfully render his services. It is now only because of declining health that Brother Williams has resigned and as is his nature of always thinking of others, feels that someone else could fullfill the office better than he now could. Those in the Little River Association regret to see one who has devoted his services so faithfully resign, but understanding the circumstances wish Brother Williams an improvement in health and the very best in the future.

In addition to his associational duties Brother Williams has been a very dedicated deacon and member of the church for many years.

May God richly bless Brother Williams to continue faithfully in the services of the Lord for many years to come.

Written in love on behalf of The Original Little River Association of North Carolina.

By Brother Gerald Lawrence

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches in the Little River Association, who shall be members supposed to be the best qualified for that purpose, and those producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats in the Association, provided they shall not violate the rules of the Constitution.

2. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed the number received by experience and baptism, the number received by letter, the number dismissed by letter, the number excommunicated, and those who died since the last Association was held.

3. Members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated The Original Little River Primitive Baptist Association.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by members composing it; the Moderator to be chosen annually at each Association; the Clerk to continue in office during his pleasure and the pleasure of the Association.

6. New churches may be admitted into the union by a written petition, presented by messengers, with letters, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, it may be manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association but shall have only three messengers from each church.

8. Every query presented by any messenger in the Association shall be read and before it shall be debated, the Moderator shall put it to a vote as to whether or not it shall be debated, and if a majority votes for debating, the query shall be debated; otherwise the query must be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made by any messenger, which receives a second, shall be considered by the Association, unless it be withdrawn, by the messenger offering it.

10. The Association shall furnish the churches in the union with Minutes of its proceedings.

11. We believe it to be absolutely necessary to have a fund for defraying the necessary expenses of the Association and recommend that each church composing it voluntarily contribute such sum as they think proper, and send by their messengers to the Association, which money shall be placed in the hands of the Clerk, who shall account for the same and pay it out as directed by the Association.

12. The Clerk shall have a book wherein shall be recorded the proceedings of each Association, as well as a record of the dates of each Association and when Associations are held at the different churches in the union, for which he shall receive a yearly compensation.

13. The Association shall provide for the general union of churches, and shall preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the same; shall give churches all necessary advice when called upon to do so; shall inquire into the cause of failure on part of any church not represented at each Association; shall appropriate the money contributed by the church for Associational fund to any purpose it deems proper; may appoint any member or members by

and with their consent, to transact any business connected with the Association; shall have power to withdraw from any church composing the union, which violates the rules of the Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of faith.

14. Visiting brethren may be invited to assist in the Association in every way except to vote.

15. Amendments may be made to this form of government at any time, by a majority vote.

16. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and approved and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before adjournment.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God, as almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, justice, power, holiness, goodness, mercy, and truth and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word, which Word we believe to be of divine authority and contains all things necessary to be known for the salvation of man. The same is comprehended or contained in the books of the Old and New Testaments.

3. We believe that God, before the foundation of the word, for a purpose in His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to eternal life, and that this election is particularly, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man he was good and upright, but by his own transgressions he fell from the good and upright state, and being the head representative of the whole human race, they being his natural offspring, he involved all of them in the same ruined state with himself, and they were partakers of, and exposed to the miseries which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that it is utterly out of the power of man, as a fallen creature, to keep the law of God perfectly or to repent truly of his sins, or believe in Christ, except he be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

6. We believe in God's own appointed time, and way, the elect will be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified, and that it is impossible that they can utterly refuse the call, but shall be willing by divine grace to receive mercy.

7. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith.

8. We believe that those that are called by grace and born again will persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

9. We believe it to be a duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in all good works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

10. We believe baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believer.

11. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, councils, and conferences of ministers or churches, are not to impose on the church, the keeping, holding or maintaining of any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

12. We believe in the general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a final judgment.

13. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting

and the joys of the righteous eternal.

14. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator in beginning of his speech.

3. Every brother speaking shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration, and shall in no way reflect on any other brother.

4. No messenger shall absent himself from the Association while in conference without permission.

5. No messenger shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Association.

6. Messengers shall keep strict order while the business of the Association is being transacted.

7. No messenger shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates the Rules of Decorum.

8. No messenger shall address another in other term or appellation than the title of "brother".

9. The names of members composing the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as the Association requires.

10. The Moderator shall not speak on any question before the Association until the other members are through speaking, when he may give his views; after which any member having a right to speak, may reply to any matter introduced by the Moderator.

11. Any member who shall violate any rule of the Association shall be dealt with by the Association as it deems proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Annual or Com.	Sch. of Meeting	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Baptism	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution	Last Session of Association
SALEM	Willard Atkinson Rt. 1, Garner, N.C. Phone 772-0140	Coleman Strickland, J. T. Boykin, J. B. Pittman	Aug.	3		5			1		23	87.00	1971
GIFT	L. B. Williams Box 294, Coats, N.C. Phone 897-5584	Council Williams, Jeppy Williams, J. L. Pollard	July	3	3	3	3		8	2	96	215.00	1972
REHOBETH	Neal Johnson Rt. 1, Box 288, Angier, N.C. Phone 894-3336	Hinton King, Callie Pollard, Neal Johnson	May	4		3		3	14	3	17	68.00	1973
ANGIER	Gerald Lawrence Holliman Rd., Durham, N.C. Phone 639-2719	Stokes Lawrence, Joe Collins, Rom Clifton	July	2			1		1		43	165.00	1974
SMITHFIELD	C. Dixon Hamilton (Pro-Tem) 202 Wilson Mill Rd., Smithfield, N.C. Phone 934-8217	Eld. Ralph Clifton, G. R. Southerland, C. Dixon Hamilton	July	1		4				2	26	76.00	1968
LITTLE FLOCK	J. B. Pope Rt. 2, Angier, N. C.	Hoyt Pollard, J. B. Pope	June	1							8	71.00	1969
HONEYCUTT'S REQUEST	J. B. Pope (Pro Tem) Rt. 2, Angier, N.C.	Represented by Church Body	Aug.	2					1		7	60.00	1970
		Totals			3	15	4	3	25	6	250	732.00	

Received from Friends - $225.00

Total Receipts - $957.00

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